

grasping the hand of his young friend, the professor thanked her again and again for

her that she should send over: the first message as her reward. The Ellsworth was talked over in the family, and Ellsworth suggested a message, which Morse referred to the daughter for her consideration. This was the one which was eventually sent.

A little more than a year after that time, a battle between Washington and Baltimore was completed. Prof. Morse was in the forecity, and Alfred Vail, his assistant, in the rear city—the first in the chamber of the famous Court, the last in the Mount Clare Hotel, when, the circuit being perfect, Prof. Morse sent to Miss Ellsworth for her message, and it came.

"A MATCH—OH WROUGHT?"

It was sent in triplicate, in the dot and dash languages of the instrument, to Baltimore, and was the first message ever transmitted by a recording telegraph.—*Scribner's*

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BEACH-PONIES.

Although I had already come twenty miles, I had to turn back to go; and although I cannot now-a-days ride one once under thirteen years and a half, and the little nag I have barely reached fourteen hands, she was as fresh and active as a kitten on as if she had just left the stable. But the ponies here are as carefully tamed and high-spirited. All of them, that I saw, with the exception of the man's, who twice a week brought the ponies to Devil's Island, would have been reared in England as extraordinary little creatures for their inches. If I am correctly informed, there is, however, a breed not quite so tame as the race I have been speaking of, but heavier built, and of some country value. These are designated beach-ponies, and are brought from the Island of Chitinaque, a comparatively barren waste on the Atlantic sea-board, where they roam about with their herds, as wild and free as the muskies on the prairie wastes of Texas and northern Mexico. At no remote date, I am assured that any person so disposed might have captured them; but such is no longer the case, for since their capacity for work, and their courage and endurance, has been known, those daring possessors of these valuable diminutive creatures must be prepared to pay liberally for them, or forego their possession. Two beach-ponies which I saw in Baltimore reminded me much of the admirable ponies which are used in Morocco, for the outline, topping, and set of head, and setting on of both, were perfect. The limbs, however, were much

ment. Where these ponies came from originally has been a subject of controversy, as there is no race of horses indigenous to the American continent, it is highly probable that they were introduced from shore to shore and were pressed from some foreign stock. Some persons insist that the progenitors of island dogs, having strayed away from the owners on the mainland, swam across to Chinicootie, an opinion for which there is no basis to be some shade of ground, in the fact that the ponies are not only as tame as dogs, but seem to enjoy a dip in the sea element as much as the race of dogs mentioned. In opposition to this belief, I remark that horses of all descriptions, at the date of settling the country occupied this wild island, far too valuable to be permitted to regain their liberty.—*From "Adventures Afloat and Ashore," by Forster*

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PRAIRIE-DOG TOWNS.

HOW THE MARMOT KEEPS HOUSE.

One of the peculiarities of our friend, the marmot, is that he likes company, and in the solitude of the prairie forms an extensive settlement. Sometimes there are hundreds of families in one of these, and there is nothing to arouse the boasts which reminds one more of a town. Each long whiskered marmot has its own house where he lives with his kindred, and the entrance to the hole would be difficult to see. If you lie in the grass quite some distance away, you can hardly be laughing at the ridiculous mimic they make of their betters. They visit and re-quit again. One sits sedately upon his hind legs, nibbling an especially nice bulb, while the bad pieces away with particularly impatient and noisy gestures. The other comes and sits himself down, and endeavours to see as to investigate the distant end of what his neighbour is eating. They then quarrel. He can hear them complaining a long way off. By and by, of course, one of them gets ill. They are always visiting. Each is in the settlement is thoroughly acquainted, no doubt, with the arrangements for the care of his friends' bed-chamber. All the long, until night settles down, there is a constant running to and fro and chattering. All about the houses, all alike, each one is in his house, and will always endeavour to be in it, and it is case of alarm. There are few who ever seen the inside of a prairie-dog's house. It is not intricate, like the tunnels of the mole, but it is deep and capacious, and the great bulk of digger and many small holes are necessary to cause him to be without it. His house, the English constitution effect, is at once his house and his grave.

It is never has long been celebrated as a prairie, but many of his lesser neighbors are not equally so. Any day the prairie-dog is not replying his residence. His principal object seems to be to make the mound for his nest, and this is the way he does it.—*One*

The rent at the top in little spurts. The
 removes it from the mouth of the open-
 fast as it comes. When sufficient
 has been thrown out, they begin to
 the mound. One goes to the base and
 as the new earth upward with the fore
 not backward, but as one throws up-
 ward, the mass of anything. The other
 this earth as compact, spreads it over
 y, and takes a great deal of pains. But
 means that this earth must be hard-
 ened compact and smooth. The beaver ac-
 complishes a task of this kind by striking it
 with his heavy and hairless tail. Our friend
 no tail to speak of,—though what there
 is, is one of the most vigorous weapons of
 defense. He accomplishes all this work
 without needs use his head. This is the
 amusing part of the process. Curling
 himself into proper shape, he ducks his good-
 looking frontpiece between his fore-legs,
 and administers a quick succession of thumps
 his work, at the vigor and effectiveness
 which you would be astonished. Then the
 is finished, he comes back with a good
 trot, and in this predicament he has the
 worst appearance of having on a cap of
 material and curious pattern.
 that the marked characteristic of our friend
 at voice of his, which has given him his
 The moment a stranger ap-
 pears, the whole settlement set up a
 row which does not subside as long as
 the intruder has been clamored with by
 their houses, and stretching their short
 tails to the utmost extent upward. If he
 too near, there is a most precipitate
 retreating for home; a hundred feet trinkle
 his air at once as they disappear. But
 is the faculty of reversing himself with
 facility of a politician, and almost the
 of the water. He may approach the
 on again; and as the intruder passes
 raises his voice in that sharp, querru-
 ill-natured squeak, fully satisfied, no
 that he has given his enemy a terrible

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Captains.	Flag & Rig.	Tons.
		HONGKONG

	Hennings	Ger. str.	642	Siemens	Fr. H.
	Richardson	Brit. str.	116	Fr. K.	
	Panya	Span. str.	1087	Fr. K.	
	Barrock	Brit. str.	1243	Fr. K.	
	Robinson	Brit. str.	1389	R. Lu.	
	Farrow	Brit. str.	277	D. Wm.	
	Oary	Brit. str.	1050	A. Ach.	
	Benning	Brit. str.	1031	A. Ach.	
		Brit. str.	89	A. Ach.	
	Guby	Brit. str.	1800	P. & C.	
	C. Anderson	Brit. str.	1033	P. & C.	
	Barrock	Brit. str.	690	Lo. Lu.	
	Smith	Brit. str.	843	Wm.	
	Jones Hill	Brit. str.	1441	Batten.	
	Wilkinson	Brit. str.	1027	Wm.	
	S. W. Cowing	Brit. str.	946	A. Ach.	
	Mott	Brit. str.	821	A. Ach.	
	R. Kentwell	Brit. str.	180	A. Ach.	
		Brit. str.	101	A. Ach.	
	Hooks	Brit. str.	1217	P. & C.	
	W. C. Nisbet	Brit. str.	1361	Wm.	
		Brit. str.	390	A. Ach.	
	McKennie	Brit. str.	1000	Chis.	
		Brit. str.	332	A. Ach.	

† Running between Hongkong and Shanghai.
 ‡ Running between Hongkong and Canton.

SAILING VESSELS.			
Carrigoe	Fren. bk	774	Born.
Schult	Ger. bk	330	Wm.
Jessen	Ger. bk	449	Chm.
Richard	Ger. bk	244	Wm.
Hoyer	Dan. bk	385	Wm.
Newman	Brit. bk	303	Chm.
Boüy	Fren. bk	381	P. M.
Boüy	Ger. bk	343	Chm.
Bargra	Pera. sh	1812	Chm.
Lund	Siam. bk	386	Chm.
Saguet	Siam. bk	303	F. Do.
Ger. bk	Siam. bk	651	Chm.
Saïja	Siam. bk	350	Chm.
Lorenzen	Ger. bk	415	Chm.
L. K. Dm	Nor. bk	235	Aug.
Y. W.	Ger. bk	320	Chm.
J. W. Munday	Brit. bk	612	Chm.
Orlethon	Brit. bk	202	Janis.
Felix Froc	Span. bk	261	Chm.
W. W.	Brit. bk	233	Chm.
Hasagen	Ger. bk	270	Melom.
Fleuriot	Fren. bk	394	F. Do.
R. Chandler	Amer. sh	768	Chm.
Luante	Brit. sh	650	Chm.
Hortmann	Ger.	237	Voge.
Severance	Brit. sh	272	Janis.

Cravens	Ger.	bk	250	Wm.
C. Dalberg	Den.	bk	297	John
D. de Soot	Ger.	bk	358	Oeder
G. Green	Brit.	bk	326	Wm.
Fateau	Brit.	bk	436	Carlo
Foss	Ger.	bg	327	Siam
F. P. Clough	Amer.	sh	812	Ang
Deane	Amer.	sh	549	Wm.
	Brit.	sh	460	D. M.
Wm. Bell	Brit.	bk	238	P. L.
E. Bauer	Ger.	bk	538	Ed. St.
Almann	Brit.	bk	318	Wm.
Outlet	Amer.	bk	722	Oeder
Jassen	Ger.	bk	227	E. Se
G. W. Morse	Amer.	sh	680	Batcliff
A. Esquinga	Peru.	sh	1198	Wm.
Alford	Peru.	sh	538	Rem.
Alcedo	Spain.	bk	298	Rem.
Irgens	Ned.	bk	420	Ed.
Jacq. sen.	Peru.	bk	452	Gr. Sen.
Phil. Hubert	Brit.	bk	218	Wm.
Skellon	Brit.	bk	370	Jardine
Ledesma	Spain.	bk	220	Rem.
McDonald	Brit.	bk	457	Chim
McDonald	Brit.	bk	457	Chim
O. Guttler	Brit.	bk	438	Oliver
J. Andreasen	Siam.	bk	314	Chim
Goggin	Brit.	bk	397	Jardine
J. Joy	Brit.	bk	397	Jardine
Schumacher	Ger.	sch	165	Buss
	Peru.	bk	425	Rogge

Stannard	Amer. bk	783	Master
RECEIVING VESSELS			
Webster	Pow. Mag	283	Harbor
Purchase	Hulk	1000	P. & E.
Stroud	Hulk	318	Water

U. S. SHIPS IN THE CHINA S.			
Rig.	Comd.	H.P.	Captain
doub. sc. gun vs.	4	120	Comdr. Patten
sc. at. transport	1	100	Comd. Hon. A.
Stannard	14	400	Capt. W. A. Wood
doub. sc. gun vl.	3	160	Comdr. E. B.
gun-boat	3	60	To Be Sold.
doub. sc. gun vl.	4	80	Comdr. B. S.
doub. sc. gun vl.	1	120	Comdr. J. B.
Hospital	—	—	—
doub. sc. gun vl.	4	120	—
doub. sc. iron bt.	14	800	Capt. W. A.
Military Hospital	1	80	To Be Sold
Naval Hospital	—	—	Dr. Looney
doub. sc. gun vl.	4	120	Courdr. Grant

Captain.	Flag & Rig.	Tonn.	Comments.
Miller	Brit. str.	770	WHAPOO, STAMEN
Dorey	Brit. str.	750	Siemens
Lang	Amer. bk.	250	Amer. W. W. L.
Young	Brit. str.	775	D. Lapa
Finch	Ger. bk.	350	SAILING VESSEL
At. & Lora	Amer. bk.	350	Carlows
Graham	Ger. bk.	314	Chines
Johansen	Ger. bk.	323	Bourja

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per piece	\$.70	5.90 American Anthracite
.....	1.86	1.90 Sydney
per doz.	0.80	0.83 WOODS GLASS
.....	0.80	0.83	..... CROWN GLASS
.....	0.75	0.82	..... HATTAN STRAW
per yard	0.33	0.33	..... Banan
.....	0.27	0.28	..... PEPPER White
.....	0.24	0.26	..... BUTEL TUL
IN GOODS.			..... SANDAL WOOD MAHOG
per yard	0.38	0.40	..... South Sea
per piece	3.24	3.24	..... LAPAR WOOD, MANILA
.....	2.90	2.90	..... SERRA
.....	3.15	3.20	..... FLOUR, California, per barrel
.....	7.40	7.50	..... American, per barrel
.....	14.50	17.00	..... WHEAT, Toledo
.....	19.00	19.00	..... SUGAR
.....	20.00	20.00	..... SUGAR, Canton
.....	20.00	22.50	..... DK. Brown
.....	15.00	15.00	..... West Coast, Dr. Brown

9.	perpich	4.00	4.10	Dr. Brown
10.	perpich	4.96	5.00	Campbell, packed
11.	perpich	4.10	4.20	DEAR Wife
12.	perpich	3.89	4.30	Green
13.	perpich	8.80	9.50	Black
14.	perpich	0.89	0.90	Yellow
15.	perpich	5.10	5.20	Mitsugawa, Japan
16.	perpich	8.00	8.25	SWANSD, Green
17.	perpich	55.00	58.50	MAZES, Dry Salt
18.	perpich	10.00	10.60	small
19.	perpich	24.60	26.00	VERMIGLI, Tintin
20.	perpich	117.00	120.00	DESS WAS, Japan
21.	perpich	7.25	8.25	Hankow

Captains.	Flag & Reg.	Tons.	Comsign.
CANTON.			
Godel	H.L.O.M.	g-b.	
E. Oboy	H.L.O.M.	g-b.	
Poynter	H.L.O.M.	g-b.	
Robinson	H.L.O.M.	g-b.	
Damle	H.L.O.M.	g-b.	
Wright	H.L.O.M.	g-b.	Customs Chop
Clayson	H.L.O.M.	g-b.	
Graves	Beth. str	g-b.	A. Heard & O
Graves	H.L.O.M.	g-b.	
Sun-shün-fat	H.L.O.M.	cor.	
Stewart	H.L.O.M.	g-b.	
Palmer	H.L.O.M.	g-b.	
Stewart	H.L.O.M.	g-b.	
Clark	H.L.O.M.	g-b.	
Le Buch	H.L.O.M.	g-b.	
De Longueville	H.L.O.M.	cor.	
MACAO.			
de Launciron	Peru. sh	1650	Captain
Eissenmenger	Ger. bk	237	Boatman & Co
Atorquia	Peru. sh	849	Wm. Fustan &
Adro South	Peru. sh	924	Wm. Fustan &
Angel Palle	Peru. sh	771	Order
Stephens	Spain. str	774	Order
Imbari	Peru. sh	458	Wm. Fustan &
Vidourazaga	Peru. sh	700	Order

Vindwazage	Peru, str.	880	Baynal & Co
Alohatra	Spain, str.	880	Baynal & Co
Wilson	Brit. str.	160	A. Heard & Co

: *Running between Canton and*

SWATOW.

In port on 26th May, 18

McCaolin	Amer. bk	324	Frewin & Co
Vanonia	Ned. bk	222	Dixons & Kro
Mookie	Brit. bk	319	Bradley & Co
Bingo	Ger. bk	376	Dixons & Kro
Hela	Ger. bk	360	Dixons & Kro
O'Hagan	Brit. sch	150	Bradley & Co
McPherson	Ger. bk	380	Dixons & Kro
Daw	Brit. sch	236	E. Vincent &
Weller	Ger. bk	332	Dixons & Kro
Simpson	Brit. bk	437	Frewin & Co
Sheshaun	Brit. bk	296	E. Vincent &
Vandervord	Brit. bk	431	E. Vincent &

<i>In port 12th May, 1873.</i>			
Michelsen	Ger. sch	124	Pasdag & Co
Andersen	Ger. bk	318	Pasdag & Co
Schmidt	Ger. sch	201	Pasdag & Co
Lilienthal	Ger. sch	240	Pasdag & Co
Vahlund	Ger. sch	111	Pasdag & Co
Udlerup	Ger. bk	280	Boyd & Co
Croie	Fr. bk	318	Pasdag & Co
Sutton	Brit. sch	189	Tait & Co
Comulins	Brit. bg	159	Boyd & Co
FOOCHOW.			
<i>In port on 16th May, 18</i>			
McMichen	Brit. bk	345	Giltman & Co
Guenann	Fr. bk	498	Master
Cupressen	It. bk	343	Master
Koch	Rus. bk	275	Master
Sespelehorn	Brit. bg	199	John Silverio

SHANGHAI.

In port on 12th May, 18

*The names of the numerous steam
mail craft, and visiting ships
on the Yang-tze are not included
table.*

Sanderson	Brit. bk	540	Master
Slocum	Amer. bk	548	Chapman, K
Nichols	Brit. bk	581	Wm. P. Fust
Fox	Brit. bk	815	Wm. P. Fust
Bjerggreen	Brit. bk	435	Master
Cure	Brit. bk	840	Juridno, Math
Jackson	Brit. bk	423	Morris, Lew
Kembell	Brit. bk	847	Ant. Hard
Haut	Brit. bk	837	Frazar & C
Cook	Brit. tk	318	Frazar & C
Fayne	Brit. tk	411	Olyphart & C

YOKOHAMA.			
In port on 10th May, 1877.			
Anbin	Brit. bk	306	J. L. O. Eyton
Asahi	Russ.	430	U. O. Grauert
Blackback	Swed.-sk	163	W. J. G. H. H. H.
Schweige	Ger. bk	328	Smith, Baker
Albrecht	Ger. bk	328	P. M. Co.
Abbott	Store sh	1016	Wahs, Hall & Co.
Gohar	P. R. Bulk	600	M. J. B. N. H.
Decker	Brit. bk	327	Grise
Davis	Brit. bk	600	P. M. Co.
	Store sh	363	H. Cook
Hereira	Peru. bk	270	Captain
Thomas	Brit. sch	361	P. M. Co.
Derion	Brit. bk	327	Stanes & Co.
Oocorne	Brit. bk	361	M. V. Mery
Stapleton	Haik	1557	Wilkins & Robins
Howell	Store sh	1650	P. M. Co.

SHIPPING IN MANILA HARBOUR.			
Captain.	Flag & Reg.	Tons.	Consignee.
Britt. bk		563	Order
Span. hg		246	F. Masos
Frén. bk		318	Smith Bell & Co
Span. bk		548	J. Lara
Britt. bk		148	Peel, Huggell & Co
Span. str		606	F. Reyes
Span. bk		564	S. Roldán
Span. bk		462	M. Niete
Britt. str		373	M. Ploekford &

	Destination.
Agent:	Laid up.

Saigon
Melbourne
Sydney

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